

Consent Form

Patient's name:

Treatment description: Dental Implant for: #

Patient's file:

What Are Implants?

Implants differ from other replacements in that they are fused to the jawbone. While there are important differences, they function more like your natural teeth. They may be used as a single tooth replacement or for multiple tooth replacement as anchors for fixed bridges, for removable partial and full dentures.

The implants are placed surgically. Usually under local anesthetic. The second phase occurs three to eight months later. The implants are then evaluated for healing and successful integration with the bone. If the implant has successfully integrated, a post is placed into the implant, extending through the gum tissue into the mouth. In the final prosthetic phase, a metal sleeve is threaded into the implant to anchor the crown, bridge or denture.

Alternatives To Implants:

Alternatives to implant replacement may be fixed bridge, removable partial and complete dentures. Infected teeth with sound roots and bone support may be treated by endodontic (root canal) therapy and restored

with a post and crown. Non-replacement of missing teeth will usually cause movement of teeth, resulting in a collapsed bite, the correction of which may be difficult and costly.

Risks related to dental implant:

Surgical risks include, but are not limited to: post surgical infection;

- Bleeding, swelling, pain.
- Facial discoloration.
- Sinus or nasal perforation.
- TMJ injuries, spasms, bone fracture, numbness (paresthesia) of the lip, chin and tongue, which is usually temporary, but, on occasion, may be permanent.

The prosthetic risks include, but are not limited to:

unsuccessful integration of the implant to the bone.

Fracture of the implant components. If a separate surgical procedure is necessary to remove a failed implant or if a replacement is necessary due to changed prosthetic requirements, an additional fee may be charged.

Your prognosis is:

Good: Average: Unfavorable:

I fully understand the nature and the limits of this treatment as well as the difficulties related to it. I understand that even if the prognosis appears to be good at the beginning, it is always possible that one of the above cited complications occurs. I understand that I will have to follow the post-op instructions given after each phase, I also understand that the implant warranty is year until the healing and prosthetic phase is completed, and it is my responsibility to ensure proper maintenance and come for hygiene exam and debridement regularly.

Patient's signature: _____

Date: _____